

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region

April 19, 2001

ITEM: 24

SUBJECT: Proposition 13 Public Process Update

At the March 2, 2001 Board meeting, information concerning Proposition 13, the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Water Act), was presented. Proposition 13 (Prop. 13) is intended, in part, to provide grant funds for projects that prevent, restore, and/or improve water quality from nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Board staff described the three Prop. 13 funding subaccounts that the State Board is responsible to administer. These subaccounts include: the Watershed Protection Program (a total of \$82.8 million), the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program (\$92 million), and the Coastal NPS Control Program (\$82.8 million). The funds will be allocated over four fiscal years (FYs), beginning this year.

The State Board distributed the first Request For Proposals (RFP) statewide in November 2000, to notify potential applicants of the availability of the grant funds. When this initial RFP solicitation period closed on February 1, 2001, the Santa Ana Region had received fifty-five proposals for consideration for Prop. 13 funding. These proposals were scored using the Prop. 13 RFP eligibility and rating criteria. Board staff described this rating process at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and the Board affirmed staff's project rankings.

During the March 2, 2001 meeting, staff also advised the Board that the State Board requires that a minimum of two public meetings be held to receive input regarding the upcoming RFPs. The intent of these meetings is two-fold: to allow the public to comment on the clarity of the RFP process; and, to receive and tabulate a list of water quality issues and/or specific projects that would be included in the upcoming RFP documents.

Subsequent to the Board meeting, staff conducted two public meetings on March 19 and 23, 2001 at the Orange County Water District office and the City of Loma Linda Council Chambers, respectively. Approximately 50 people attended the two meetings. We received a total of forty-one issues and specific project requests. These are listed below. Board staff is soliciting input from the Board concerning other water quality issues or specific projects that the Board would like to add to this list. Our understanding of this process is that the list will be submitted to the State Board for inclusion in subsequent RFPs for projects within the Santa Ana Region. No ranking of the items included on this list is necessary or appropriate. We understand that the next RFP will be sent out in May 2001.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Direct staff to forward the list of recommended water quality issues/projects, as amended by the Board to include any new items, to the State Board.

NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION  
PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES  
SANTA ANA REGION

**(Orange County Water District, March 19, 2001)**

1. Projects that reduce sediment loads into Newport Bay.
2. Use of published microbial identification methods to evaluate and reduce the sources of contamination into coastal waters.
3. Set up a Technology Application, Transfer, and Education Resource Center to review alternative technologies/techniques to reduce nonpoint source pollutants, eg. bacteria.
4. Determine sources of and methods/technology to reduce microbial contamination in watersheds.
5. Effectiveness of bacteria reducing techniques in inland waters.
6. Citizen monitoring along coastal areas using approved methods for bacteria and other constituents. (Volunteer outreach).
7. Stabilize streambanks in Newport Bay/San Diego Creek watershed per TMDL.
8. Creek restoration projects in Newport Bay/San Diego Creek watershed per TMDL.
9. Reduction of organic constituents in effluent dominated waters.
10. Projects that divert nuisance flows throughout the region.
11. Lower Santa Ana River Watershed Plan development.
12. Talbert Channel Watershed Plan development.
13. Develop process to effectively educate citizens of nonpoint source project results.
14. Develop comprehensive Newport Bay/San Diego Creek Watershed Management Plan for ongoing activities.
15. Coyote Creek Watershed Plan development.
16. Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Plan development (above Prado Dam).
17. Reduce trash, debris, nutrients, and metals in Huntington Harbor/Anaheim Bay/Bolsa Chica.
18. Repair sewer mains in coastal areas, or drainages to coastal areas.
19. Reduce urban runoff, the transport/conveyance mechanism of nonpoint source pollutants that enter our natural waterways, estuaries and oceans.

**(Loma Linda, March 23, 2001)**

1. Lower sediment loading into Lake Elsinore.
2. Lower sediment loading into Big Bear Lake.
3. Lower sediment loading into Canyon Lake, including dredging and desilting.
4. Protect habitat from construction impacts in upper Santa Ana River tributaries.
5. Nonpoint source pollution control measures in San Jacinto Watershed, including Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.
6. Creek restoration efforts in San Jacinto Watershed, e.g. Ortega Creek.
7. San Jacinto Watershed Management Plan.
8. Arundo/invasive plant removal throughout region.
9. Enhance stormwater capture for groundwater recharge.
10. Volumetric monitoring of stormwater capture for groundwater recharge (#9).
11. Develop and implement analytical database of stormwater captured for recharge (#9).
12. Develop and implement exit strategy for Chino Basin dairies, including manure removal.
13. Artificial wetlands for dairies in Chino Basin and San Jacinto Watershed.
14. Best management practices demonstration projects for developments
15. Plan and implement a master erosion control (wind and water) plan for new developments using water efficient plant species.
16. On-site manure management plans for individual dairies.
17. Regional solutions to manure management.
18. Project to mitigate effects of rising groundwater from Chino Basin into the lower Santa Ana River.
19. Implementation of a Santa Ana and San Jacinto Watersheds data management and collection system.
20. Wilson Creek and Potato Creek Watershed Plan.
21. Best management program for new developments.
22. Drainage Facilities to Reduce/Control Runoff from Dairy Areas - Chino Basin